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Hon. John Fogarty  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
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Dear John:

You probably noticed this story in last night's STAR.

I think it is on the right track. While I was on your subcommittee I'm sure you'll remember that I was not too niggardly when it came to providing money for research into dread diseases and human maladies. I didn't want it on my conscience that any relief from suffering failed because of my penny-pinching.

In recent years, however, I have heard recurrent stories about the enormous waste in our overall research program, brought about by careless inattention to provident spending.

Many scientists have told me that the money is coming in in such abundance that they are having to employ more and more time figuring out what to do with it instead of actually getting down to their experiments.

The spokesmen for the schools, universities, and laboratories that think it is such a great idea to win massive research grants from the Congress ought to find out first if their science teams can properly use all the money the deans and college presidents are demanding.

You have generally regarded these programs in much the same vein as I have, but if this year you want to give them a real hard look, I'll be with you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ben F. Jensen

cc: Rep. Laird